

REMARKS

Claims 12-18 are pending in this application. Claims 12-15, 17 and 18 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

The specification of the present application as amended by the Preliminary Amendment of August 21, 1998 states at page 1, lines 28-31: "One method of anonymous payment is described in my U.S. Patent No. 5,453,601 issued on September 26, 1995, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference." In as much as the '601 patent disclosure is incorporated by reference, the specification herein has been amended to specifically include a description of the Transaction Log Manager application set forth in column 12 of the '601 patent.

In the Office Action, claims 12-18 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 36, 37 and 45 of U.S. Patent No. 5,557,518. A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith to obviate this rejection.

Claims 12-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,003,767 to Hayashida. The Hayashida article discloses a purchase transaction using a multi-function IC card and a seller's POS terminal at col. 8, line 56 to col. 9, line 55. As stated in the Hayashida reference:

[T]he multi-function IC card 21 stands by to receive the information on the amount and the date of the owner's purchase from the reading terminal in a receiving consummation judgment processing (step 639). The information on the amount and date of a purchase is inputted by a POS registering unit 51 of the POS terminal device, which is a reading terminal, and sent to the card. When the multi-function IC card 21 detects a consummation of receiving the information, it reads out the stored balance from the amount information memory part 212 in a balance deficiency judgment processing (step 640) to compare it with the purchase amount. Since a payment is possible if the stored amount is greater than or equal to the purchase amount, the multi-function IC card 21 reduces the purchase amount from the stored balance and revises the data of the amount information memory part 212 as the new stored balance. In a transaction detail memory processing (step 642), the multi-function IC card 21 memorizes the data on the amount and date of the purchase as an additional transaction detail memory of the amount information memory part 212. This additional memory is stored in a predetermined memory area, so that a read-out in counter-chronological order in response to an inquiry of the stored balance and transaction detail can be performed.

As recited in amended claim 17, the present invention is directed to a purchase transaction method where electronic money is sent from a first transaction apparatus to a second transaction apparatus during purchase transactions; receipt data is sent from the second transaction apparatus to the first transaction apparatus; electronic money transfer data, including date and amount of transfer, is stored in the first transaction apparatus; and post-transaction receipt data that lists the purchased items is also stored in the first transaction apparatus. The Hayashida reference while disclosing the storage of data on the amount and date of purchase, does not disclose the transfer of receipt data from a second transaction apparatus to a first transaction apparatus. Neither does Hayashida disclose the storage in the first transaction apparatus of receipt data that lists the items purchased.

Amended Claim 12 is directed to an electronic transaction apparatus including a host processor, a first electronic unit and a second electronic unit. Claim 12 as amended recites: "a second electronic unit that receives receipt data from another electronic transaction apparatus, wherein said receipt data includes a list of items purchased, and where said second electronic unit is programmed to include a transaction log function that stores post-transaction receipt data." This feature is not disclosed in the Hayashida reference.

Accordingly, for the above reasons, the present invention as recited in claims 12 and 17 is neither taught nor suggested by the Hayashida reference. Claims 13-16 and 18 depend from claims 12 and 17 and are also believed to be patentably distinct at least for the reasons set forth above. Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and the case passed to issuance.

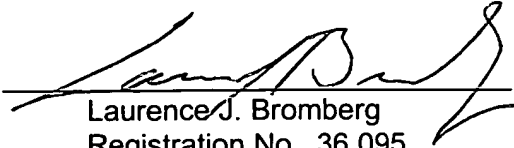
The Examiner's time and attention to this matter are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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